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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-413784)

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FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-15702)

SUBJECT: CONNECTICUT VOLUNTEERS FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
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This is to advise that the May 7, 1956, edition of the New Haven Journal Courier, a New Haven, Conn., daily newspaper, contains an article concerning the Loyalty Day Parade held May 6, 1956, in West Haven, Conn., which was staged by the State Veterans of Foreign Wars. United States Senators, WILLIAM A. PURTELL and PRESIDENT BUSH, and United States Congressman, ALBERT CRETELLA, were among the principal speakers at this parade, and according to this article, Senator BUSH made reference to the recent New Haven Smith Act trial, which resulted in the conviction of some of the Conn. Communist Party leaders. BUSH urged the Veterans organizations in the State to support the people who have been persecuted by the enemies of the United States.

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According to this article, Senator BUSH stated, "the people in the United States owe a heavy debt of gratitude to the patriotic men and women who serve the FBI as counter-agents against the Communist conspiracy. We have been aware that the Communists will stoop to the lowest kind of tactics as the campaign of vilification and harassment against Judge MEDINA in New York has demonstrated. Nevertheless, it was disconcerting and shocking to learn that Conn. people had been subjected to such despicable treatment." Senator BUSH, according to this article further stated, "it should be apparent that the Government cannot fight the Communist conspiracy unless it can obtain information from inside the conspiracy", and urged that the people, "make every effort to stop the evil menace."

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Although the newspaper article did not so state, it would appear that Senator BUSH in his statements was making reference to leaflets and pamphlets distributed by the Conn. Volunteers for Civil Rights, (CVCR), during the recently concluded New Haven Smith Act Trial, which leaflets and pamphlets were critical of the Government's witnesses and the use of informers by the Department of Justice.

Enclosed herewith are two copies each of the following twenty-four items distributed by the CVCR, which in some way make reference to the New Haven Smith Act Trial and the Government witnesses. These items are being submitted in two sets, one for the Bureau, and one for the Department of Justice:

- 1.) Leaflet ~~"The~~ "Informer, Patriot or Scoundrel."
- 2.) Leaflet ~~"Civil Rights Beacon",~~ captioned ~~"A~~ "Day In Court."
- 3.) Leaflet ~~"Phony Boloney or a Discussion in the Bridgeport General Electric Men's Room."~~
- 4.) Leaflet ~~"I~~ "Led Three Lives -- A TV Hoax."
- 5.) Leaflet ~~"An~~ "Open Letter to Students."
- 6.) Leaflet ~~"The~~ "Bottom of the Barrel".
- 7.) Leaflet ~~"Career of Santa Claus Mosher."~~
- 8.) Leaflet ~~"7~~ "Thousand Pieces of Silver!"
- 9.) Leaflet ~~"That Woman in Your Hair."~~
- 10.) Leaflet ~~"\$~~ "Tony Pires = Paytriot \$"
- 11.) Leaflet ~~"This Man is a Spy."~~
- 12.) Leaflet ~~"You'd Do The Same!"~~
- 13.) Leaflet "Civil Rights Beacon" captioned ~~"Developments in the Conn. Smith Act Case."~~

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In view of the statements made by Senator BUSH, as referred to above, it would appear that the possibility exists that in future speeches, Senator BUSH might make direct reference to the tactics employed by the CVCR in the recent New Haven Smith Act Trial. Accordingly, the enclosed items are being furnished for the information of the Bureau and the Department.